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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/01/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-11, 13-17 and 20-28.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 2/14/2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 2/10/2005.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.



**PHIRIN SAM
PRIMARY EXAMINER**



DETAILED ACTION

SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. Based on a conversation between the Examiner **Anthony Ton** and Attorney **Noel F. Heal** (Registration No. 26,074) on 2/10/2005, there were typographical errors for terms "subsequence remnant packet" and "fixed-fixed packet" on the previous Examiner's Amendment that sent to the Applicant on 1/24/2005. Therefore, please **discard** the previous Examiner's Amendment and replace it by this supplemental Examiner's Amendment as follows:

a) **In Claim 1:** Please delete the word "**and**" in line 11; and after the word "**data field;**" in the line 11, insert the following claimed subject matters:

--- constructing a subsequent remnant packet characterized by the fixed-length packet format by inserting a second portion of the original data packet information in the data field of the subsequent remnant packet; and ---

b) **In Claim 5:** Please change the word "**claim 4**" in line 1 to the word "**claim 1**"

c) **In Claim 9:** Please delete the word "**and**" in line 10, delete the period "." in line 12; and after the word "**data packet**" in the line 12, insert the following claimed subject matters:

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when the current remnant packet and a prior remnant packet form part of a common message, storing at least a portion of prior remnant packet data information in the data field of the reconstructed data packet. ---

d) **In Claim 17:** Please delete the word "**and**" in line 7, delete the period "." in line 12; and after the word "**remnant data field**" in the line 12, insert the following claimed subject matters:

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means for constructing a subsequent remnant packet characterized by the fixed-length packet format by inserting a second portion of the original data packet information in the data field of the subsequent remnant packet. ---

e) Please cancel **Claims 4, 12, 18 and 19.**

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

a) **In Regarding to Claims 1-3 and 5-8:** The prior arts of record fail to teach a method for sending a data packet through an intermediate communication network that uses internal routing incompatible with the data packet, the method comprising a combination of steps of:

constructing a remnant packet characterized by the same fixed-length packet format as that of the original data packet, including a remnant packet data field and a remnant packet address field by inserting at least a portion of the original packet routing information in the remnant packet data field; and

constructing a subsequent remnant packet characterized by the fixed-length packet format by inserting a second portion of the original data packet information in the data field of the subsequent remnant packet.

b) **In Regarding to Claims 9-11, 15 and 16:** The prior arts of record fail to teach a method for receiving a data packet from an intermediate communication network, the method comprising a combination of steps of:

building a reconstructed data packet characterized by the same fixed-length packet format as that of the received current remnant packet by:

identifying original data packet routing information contained in the data field of the current remnant packet;

inserting the original data packet routing information in the address field of the reconstructed data packet; and

when the current remnant packet and a prior remnant packet form part of a common message, storing at least a portion of prior remnant packet data information in the data field of the reconstructed data packet.

c) In Regarding to Claim 13: The prior arts of record fail to teach a method for receiving a data packet, the method comprising a combination of steps of:

building a reconstructed data packet characterized by the fixed-length packet format by:

identifying original data packet routing information contained in the data field of the current remnant packet;

inserting the original data packet routing information in the address field of the reconstructed data packet;

when the current remnant packet and a prior remnant packet form part of a common message, storing at least a portion of prior remnant packet data information in the data field of the reconstructed data packet; and

comparing the remnant routing information to stored packet routing information to determining when the prior remnant packet and the current remnant packet form part of the common message.

d) In Regarding to Claim 14: The prior arts of record fail to teach a method for receiving a data packet, the method comprising a combination of steps of:

building a reconstructed data packet characterized by the fixed-length packet format by:
identifying original data packet routing information contained in the data field of the current remnant packet;

constructing a second reconstructed data packet according to the fixed-length packet format by:

identifying subsequent original data packet routing information contained in the data field of the subsequent remnant packet; and

inserting a least a second portion of data information from the data field of the subsequent remnant packet in the data field of the second reconstructed data packet.

e) In Regarding to Claims 17 and 20-22: The prior arts of record fail to teach a communication network node for communicating data packets from an external communication network to an intermediate communication network that uses internal routing incompatible with external communication network, the communication network node comprising a combination of steps of:

a processor coupled to the receiver and operate to construct a remnant packet for transmission through the intermediate communication network using the same fixed-length packet format as that of the original data packet, including a remnant packet data field and a remnant packet address field and a remnant data field, by moving at least a portion of the original address field into the remnant packet data field; and

means for constructing a subsequent remnant packet characterized by the fixed-length packet format by inserting a second portion of the original data packet information in the data field of the subsequent remnant packet.

f) In Regarding to Claims 23-28: The prior arts of record fail to teach a communication network node for communicating data packets from an external communication network to an intermediate communication network that uses internal routing incompatible with external communication network, the communication network node comprising a combination of steps of:

a receiver for receiving a remnant packet after transmission through the intermediate communication network using a fixed-length packet format defining a remnant data field comprising original data packet routing information and original data packet data information; and

a processor operable to form a reconstructed data packet characterized by the same fixed-length packet format as that of the original data packet, including a reconstructed address field and a reconstructed data field, the reconstructed address field comprising original packet routing information from the remnant data field.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Anthony T Ton** whose telephone number is **571-272-3076**. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **Chau Nguyen** can be reached on **571-272-3126**. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **703-872-9306**.

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Respectfully submitted,

by: *Attn*
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